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1. The Purchasing Commission of the Ministry of Health is responsible for checking the quality of medical and hospital supplies. Members of the commission include Dr. Nikov (fnu), Dr. Paskalev (fnu), Dr. Georgi Balchev, and Timev (fnu). Dr. Balchev has been replaced by Conforti (fnu). Members of the commission have personal letters from the Minister of Health instructing factories to provide them with all facilities. These letters are taken to the factory office, and permits to visit a particular section are issued. 25X1
2. Dr. Paskalev and Dr. Balchev headed a medical mission to Korea. 25X1
3. Considerable security precautions were in force in 1952 when a member of the Purchasing Commission visited Zavod No. 12 in Sofia to inspect the 10 clothing disinfectors which had been bought. see Appendix, pages 2 and 3) 25X1
A proposal by the Ustrem Factory to construct similar disinfectors was turned down because Zavod No. 12 objected. Zavod No. 12 makes chassis, wheels, and bodies for Czech and Soviet automobiles and heavy vehicles which are assembled on the premises. In 1952 there were 12,000 employees, and the number is to be enlarged in 1953.
4. In 1953 the Purchasing Commission sent a technical expert to the Titaniya Plant at Sofia to establish whether there was any truth in rumors circulating in January and February 1953 that cases of poisoning had occurred because of too much lead in the enamel used by the factory. The enamel was made according to the accepted specifications. The Titaniya Plant manufactures various types of aluminum and enamel ware, but specializes in Army water bottles.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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5. The Anton Ivanov (formerly Grobarskaya) Factory in Sofia produces washing machines for hospitals and the Army. The standard model has a 3.5 horse-power motor and will take 40 kilograms of laundry. One large centrifuge with horizontal cylinders, to hold about 2,500 kilograms of laundry, was constructed. The factory also makes conveyer belt machines for washing vegetables, and boilers for rose oil extraction and the manufacture of alcohol. Approximately 500 workers are employed. The chief accountant is Cholev (fnu); the technical manager is Naumov (fnu); and the general manager is an unidentified young Party member with no manufacturing experience.

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1. Feed water valve of the steam boiler.
2. Steam valve to the drum.
3. Steam valve to the steam heat radiator.
4. Steam valve to the system for preparing hot water.
5. Regulating valve to the steam exhaust pipe.
6. Air vent.
7. Separator vent.
8. Omitted.
9. Sprinklers.
10. Separator valves.
11. Separator valve.
12. "Kanelka" (duct?) with three openings..
13. Safety valve.
14. Thermometer.
15. Thermometer.
16. Thermometer.
17. Feed water pump of the boiler.
18. Sprinkler pump.
19. Rapid separator.
20. Steam exhaust pipe.

- A. Steam for the drum.
- B. Steam for the steam heat radiator.
- C. Steam to prepare the hot water.
- D. Working steam.
- E. Cold water.
- F. Hot water.
- G. Condensed water.
- H. Feed water.

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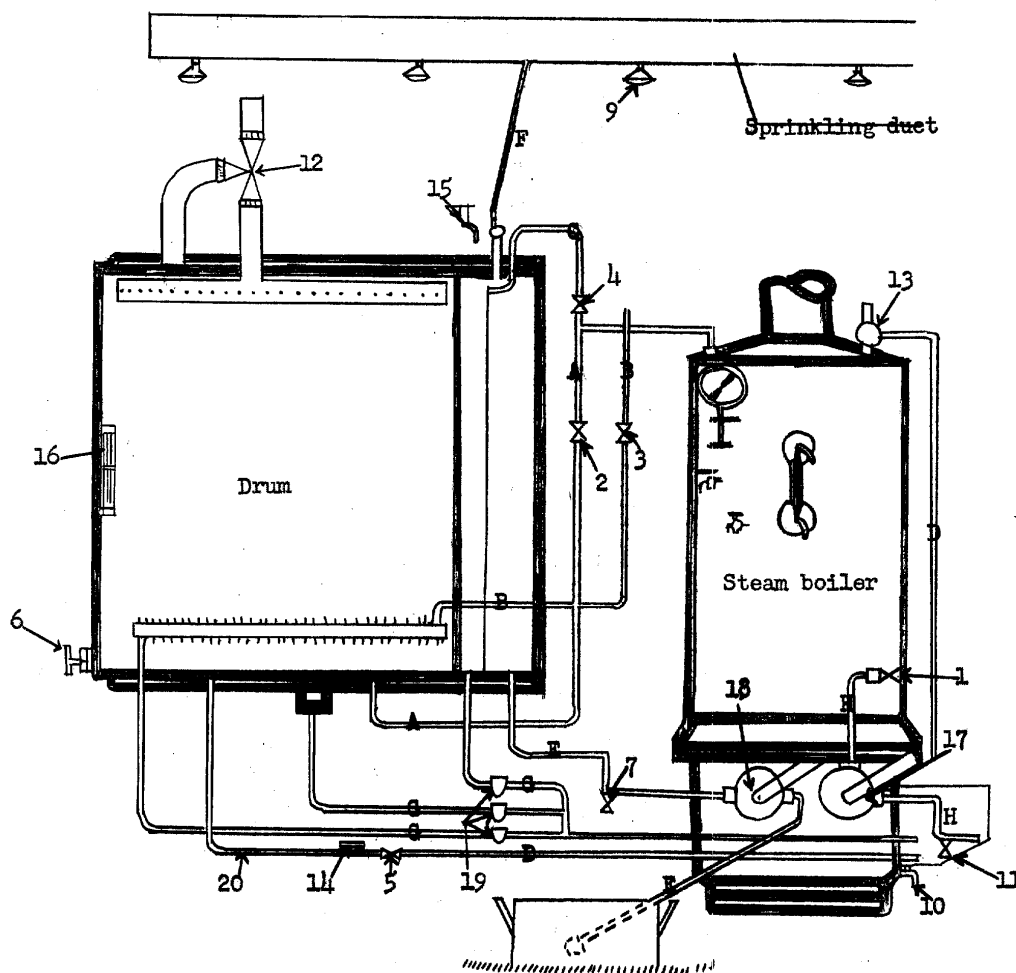
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Clothing Disinfectors



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